

Villard Board Blames Britain For Irish Terror

Committee of 100 Declares Probe Shows Troops Guilty of Excesses Comparable to German Acts in Belgium

Admits Witnesses Biased

30,000-Word Report Made; Holds That Facts Prove Crown Is Morally Guilty

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The British government is held morally responsible for the disorders in Ireland in a 30,000-word report by the committee of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question, made public here to-day and covering the results of examination of witnesses at public hearings held last November, December and January. The committee was purely unofficial and was sponsored by Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation.

"The American Commission on Conditions in Ireland" is the title of the report, and the investigating body announces that it will continue its hearings.

While the commission concedes that it was without official British testimony in the case except as it was obtained from documents, it declares that "the imperial British army in Ireland has been guilty of proved excesses, not incommensurable in degree and kind with those alleged by the Dryce report on Belgian atrocities to have been committed by the imperial German army."

Of thirty-eight witnesses of alleged atrocities examined eighteen were American, eighteen Irish and two English citizens, and testimony available, the report admits, gives the case, therefore, almost wholly from the Irish republican or Sinn Féin viewpoint, or from sources not unsympathetic to the application of the principle of self-determination to Ireland. The report also states that the British authorities in Ireland were not represented.

Irish Deprived of Protection

After hearing all the testimony the commission finds: "That the Irish people are deprived of the protection of British law, to which they would be entitled as subjects of the British King. They are likewise deprived of the moral protection which would be afforded by the evidence regarding which seems to prove that."

The imperial British government has created and introduced in Ireland a force of at least 78,000 men, many of them youthful and inexperienced, and some of them convicts; and has incited that force to unbridled violence.

"The imperial British forces in Ireland have indiscriminately killed innocent men, women and children; have tortured and tortured while in custody, adopting the subterfuge of 'refusal to talk' and 'attempting to escape,' and have attributed to alleged 'Sinn Féin extremists' the British assassination of prominent Irish republicans."

"House-burning and wanton destruction of villages and cities by imperial British forces under imperial British officers have been countenanced, and ordered by officials of the British government and elaborate provision by gasoline sprays and bombs have been made in a number of instances for systematic incendiarism as part of a plan of terrorism."

"A campaign for the destruction of the means of existence of the Irish people has been conducted by the burning of factories, creameries, crops and farm implements and the shooting of farm animals."

British "Terror" Assailed

"5. Acting under a series of proclamations issued by the competent military authorities of the imperial British forces, hostages are carried by force exposed to the fire of the republican army; fines are levied upon towns and villages as punishment for alleged offences of individuals; private property is destroyed in reprisals for

acts with which the owners have no connection, and the civilian population is subjected to an inquisition upon the theory that individuals are in possession of information valuable to the military forces of Great Britain.

"6. This 'terror' has failed to reestablish imperial British civil government in Ireland.

"7. In spite of the British 'terror' the majority of the Irish people have been loyal to the Irish Republic, give their allegiance to it, pay taxes to it, and respect the decisions of its courts and of its civil officials."

Two kinds of 'killings' have characterized the Irish republican warfare, according to the report. First, the casualties resulting from the Sinn Féiners' attempts to obtain arms and ammunition in attacking motor lorries and police barracks, and, second, the secret execution of spies, traitors and enemies of the Irish republic who have been adjudged guilty by its courts and sentenced to death. It is admitted that the accused never appear before these Sinn Féin tribunals. Minor offenses are punishable by sentencing the guilty to enforced labor in their home towns and residence for a stated period in "an unknown locality." The commission condemns the so-called legalized killings of Catholics and Protestants as living in peace and harmony in Ireland and their political opinions are not primarily a matter of religion, excepting in a part of Ulster, according to a supplementary report filed by Protestant members of the commission.

British Call Irish Report Biased and Misleading

Washington Embassy Denies Country Is Devastated and Reprisals Are Encouraged

WASHINGTON, March 31.—General conclusions of the unofficial commission of the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland, placing moral responsibility for disorders there on the British government, are characterized as biased and wholly misleading in a statement issued to-day by the British Embassy in answer to the commission's report.

The report, the embassy statement said, was "entitled to exactly the amount of weight which should be given to any judgment based entirely upon the evidence of ex parte statements put forward for the most part by persons admittedly holding extreme views."

The statement issued by the embassy follows, in part:

"The report is biased and wholly misleading, both in its general conclusions and in the statements it contains in matters of detail. Ireland, so far from being a devastated country, is the most prosperous of the United Kingdom, and probably of the whole of western Europe. Separate trade statistics for the various parts of the United Kingdom, forming as they do, one fiscal unit, are readily available, but a reliable index to the general prosperity of the country can be found in the returns of deposits in joint stock banks, which have increased as follows: 1914, £147,000,000; 1919, £166,000,000; 1920, £200,000,000.

"The report of the committee lays stress on so-called reprisals, and ignores the fact that before even the Irish propagandists suggested in September, 1920, that reprisals were taking place 22 policemen, soldiers and 43 civilians had been murdered in cold blood, and 159 policemen, 56 soldiers and 74 civilians wounded, in most cases without a chance of defending themselves. By the time that 1,212 buildings had been burned and wholly or partly destroyed.

"Sinn Féin has established its position by the terror of the revolver, which has silenced the moderate opinion of the vast majority of Irishmen. It desired to claim for the Irish republican army the status of belligerents, ignoring the fact that the members of that force constantly, indeed incessantly, violate the laws of war as recognized by every civilized community in a manner which according to the same laws justifies the penalty of death for all offenders. Their methods are those of the assassin. Expanding bullets are frequently employed by these Sinn Féiners.

"But the crown forces, under almost incredible provocation patiently borne during many months, have on some occasions broken the bonds of discipline and committed unjustifiable acts of violence is not denied, but to say that such acts have been ordered, encouraged or condoned by the British government is absolutely false. The interests which suffer most by acts of indiscipline are those of the government itself.

"The actual facts with regard to specific points raised in the report of the committee are as follows: "The total ration strength of the crown forces is 61,000. The antecedents of all recruits are carefully investigated and no man of known bad character is retained for a moment."

Denies Indiscriminate Killing

"There has been no indiscriminate

Saves Blazing Man on Fifth Floor Coping

"Jim," Unidentified Colored Porter, Halts His Leap to Broadway and Drags Him to Safety Along Ledge

Collapses on the Street

Thousands See Rescue as Winter Garden Storefront Blazes Near Matinee's End

Firemen who extinguished a blaze yesterday afternoon in a store room of the Winter Garden Building, 1546 Broadway, called the fire "trifling," but said Jim was a hero. As a fire the blaze would amount to much, but as a hero Jim amounted to a great deal. A crowd that jammed Fifth Street between Broadway and Seventh Avenue looked on at 5 o'clock as Jim carried William Mathews, an employee of the Winter Garden Drug Company, through the window of a flame-swept room and guided him to safety along a narrow cornice.

Mathews, who was badly burned here Jim could reach him, was reported last night to be in a serious condition at Bellevue.

Jim is a negro porter employed by the Winter Garden Drug Company, which has a store just south of the Winter Garden entrance on Broadway. In the rush of things the firemen and policemen and everybody else who should attend to such matters forgot to get Jim's other name. But to the

killings. Men have been shot through falling to halt when challenged by sentries, and innocent persons, including women and children, have suffered death or wounds in course of armed conflict resulting from unprovoked attacks made by Sinn Féiners upon forces of the crown in crowded streets. Apart from these and similar incidents, the record of the crown forces is absolutely clean, so far as women and children are concerned.

"Reports of torturing of prisoners have been completely disproved wherever attempt was made to bring forward any evidence.

"There are the strongest grounds for attributing to extreme Sinn Féiners the murders of prominent republicans, such as Lord Mayor McCurtin of Cork and the Mayor and Aldermen of Limerick. "The practice recently adopted of carrying hostages has entirely fulfilled its sole purpose, namely—to minimize the loss of life on the crown forces and to prevent loss of life. Captured documents show clearly its restraining effect. No woman has ever been carried as a hostage."

Indict Doyle For 6 Deaths In 1920 Fire

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the owners or agents should conform to the labor law, but extended the time for performance seven months, work which could have been performed in seven days.

"Before the expiration of the seven months the building caught fire—six people at work in the building were caught in a veritable trap and burned to death. An inspector from the State Industrial Commission, perhaps the best qualified man in the state to testify, informs me that had the mandatory provisions of law been enforced in this factory building, none of the victims would have been sacrificed. The evasion and defiance of the laws of New York, both on the part of the department and on the part of the owners of this property, are, in my opinion, a contributing cause to the death of the operatives in the factory."

Records in Elwell Case Turned Over to Whitman

District Attorney Swann yesterday turned over to former Governor Charles S. Whitman, in charge of an investigation of the Police Department and the Hyman administration, all the official records and papers in his possession relating to the Elwell case.

Mr. Swann said the purpose was to give the former Governor an opportunity to discover whether or not the failure to identify and arrest the mur-

derer of Elwell was due to official negligence. To a reporter for The Tribune Mr. Swann said last night:

"There has been a feeling that my office has not done all that it should have done toward the solution of this mystery. I feel that we have exhausted every clue. Every bit of evidence we have worked on has led us up a blind alley. We are no nearer a solution of the puzzle than we were last summer. My office has reached the end of its resources and, unfortunately, we have been criticized."

"I feel that inasmuch as the work of my office has been questioned in connection with this case it should become a part of Mr. Whitman's investigation."

Mr. Swann was asked whether any new information had been brought to him in connection with the Elwell case in recent weeks, and he replied that it had not.

Former Governor Whitman repeated his assertion of Thursday that he had not yet had time to look over the papers in the Elwell case. His statements seemed to indicate that he would not do so until some new information reached him, which would seem to warrant a reopening of the case.

Joseph Bowne Elwell, horseman and whist expert, was found dead with a bullet in his head on the morning of June 11, last year, in his home, 244 West Seventeenth Street.

Restores Saloon as Home

CHICAGO, March 31.—The housing problem was solved for Albert Kauffman, his wife and ten children, who recently were evicted from their newly purchased home because of inability to pay installments, when Judge Landis, amending his judgment closing a saloon for one year, turned it into a home for the family.

The present owner of the saloon, which was closed for violation of the prohibition law, read of Kauffman's plight and notified the Attorney General's office that the family could live here if the ban against the building was raised. Judge Landis granted the request, and the Kauffman family moved in to-day.

Allies to Take Up Germany's Refusal to Pay in a Month

PARIS, March 31. (By The Associated Press).—Germany's refusal to pay the 1,000,000,000 gold marks for the reparations account, due March 23, will be discussed at an inter-Allied conference toward the end of April or the beginning of May.

The plan for collection of customs on the Rhine, which has been approved by the different governments and their ambassadors will meet soon to adopt it, formally.

Rockefeller Board Finds Teachers Are Greatly Underpaid

Asserts Raise in Tuition and Private Donations Are Not Sufficient to Meet Needs of Colleges and Universities

The General Education Board, founded by John D. Rockefeller yesterday, made public a summary of a survey of professors' salaries in 259 endowed colleges and universities. The survey was made by Trevor Arnett, formerly auditor of the University of Chicago and now a secretary of the General Education Board.

Mr. Arnett undertook to provide a basis for the distribution of the \$30,000,000 gift which Mr. Rockefeller made in December, 1919, to be used in stimulating colleges and universities to increase their endowment funds for the purpose of paying their instructors more generously.

The board has allocated \$24,250,000 to 134 educational institutions which have undertaken to raise \$55,935,000 themselves and has made annual grants aggregating \$4,304,451.

Although most colleges and universities had increased their tuition fees, he said, the average increase being 25 per cent, such increases were far from meeting the situation and could not be carried to a point adequate to meet it without depriving many youths of the opportunity to obtain a college education.

Money-raising campaigns had met with little success, he said, but this emergency measure also had proved unavailing. The only solution, he said, was increased endowment.

Mr. Arnett's study develops the relation between teachers' salaries and other expenditures. Such salaries, on the average, only 47 per cent of the total expenditures of the institutions reporting. Since 1914-1915 expenses of maintaining and operating physical plants have increased 74 per cent, while salaries increased only 42.6 per cent.

Salaries paid in 1914-15 to 8,540 teachers, ranging from instructors to full professors, in 259 institutions in all parts of the country, are compared with salaries paid in 1919-20. Of this number 4,550 or 53.4 per cent were paid in 1919-20 from \$901 to \$2,100 per year; 3,293 received salaries above \$2,100, but of these only 516 received more than \$4,200 a year. Only ninety-two received more than \$6,000.

These salaries include an increase of about 25 per cent between 1914 and 1919. Meanwhile, according to the cost of living had increased not less than 80 to 90 per cent. Sixty-one per cent of the teachers reporting were married.

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Rum-Laden Breeze From Cabbage Cart Draws Patrolman

Driver and Five Who Arrive in Taxi Arrested When Cases of Liquor Are Found Hidden Under Vegetables

Guided by his nose and a last gust of March wind, Patrolman Lahay, of the East Eighty-eighth Street police station, yesterday discovered on a wagon at Eighty-sixth Street and Second Avenue 150 cases labeled "Old Taylor," which were all but concealed by a supply of cabbages. He arrested the driver and five other persons who drove up opportunely in a taxicab.

At the police station the prisoners said they were Gerard Lambasi, twenty-eight years old, of 112 Matt Street; David Casella, forty years old, of 229 East Ninety-eighth Street; Charles Mo-Manus, forty-five years old, of 304 Lenox Avenue; William Walsh, twenty-five years old, of 132 East 123d Street; and John McGee, twenty-three years old, of 1811 Park Avenue. Andrew DeLore, twenty-nine years old, of 432 115th Street, was the driver of the taxi.

They were charged with illegally transporting liquor.

A truckload of four hundred gallons of grain alcohol which was seized Tuesday night at Bradley Beach, N. J., and turned over to the Federal authorities, has disappeared, according to information given out yesterday from the District Attorney's office in Trenton. It was said the liquor had been missing ever since a man representing himself to be Charles Prusser, a revenue agent, called for the stuff at Bradley Beach.

The Federal prohibition agent for that district said yesterday that he had no one there to get the liquor, and that Prusser had been in Rahway for several days.

Blind Ox Dead of Grief

Refused to Eat When Separated From Guardian Goose

GREENSBORO, Ala., March 31.—The blind ox, famous as the protégé of a stately gander on the J. A. Holcroft plantation, near here, is dead, and those on the farm believe his death is due directly to enforced separation from his guardian.

Recently it became necessary to transport the ox to another pasture. The gander was unable to follow. The separation was too much for the ox and he pined and drooped, refused food and drink and finally died.

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